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Letter from Sarah DeAaron Pea Rich to Charles C. Rich, San Bernardino, Calif.

Grate Salt Lake City, August the 25th, 1853. Dear Companion, having a few retired moments this evening whilst all is shused and still except our city gard, I improve the same in writing to you. I feel lonely, therefore I prefer a lonely time to write to you. My family is all well, for which I feel to thank the Lord. I trust you are alive and well. I am sorry to inform you of the Death of your Dear little Henrietta. She Died on the third of this month with the scarlot feaver. She was sick about four weeks. Oricia was not expected to live at the time of Henriettas Death, consequently Sarah could not attend the funeral, but she is now quite Smart. Sarah went from hear last Sunday. Henrietta was laid by the side of little Arson Thomas Rich. Henrietta died the week before. Was buried in the grave yard. Your Father sent for Dr Williams after they done all they could for her but it was to late. She had got better and took cold. I feel to mourn with Sarah in her Sorrow but I will now inform you that grate sorrow and trouble now awaites us here as a people and more particular famileys that are alone as yours in this place. The Indians are now in open wars with us as a people and are killing our brethern whenever and wherever an opertunity presents itself and are walking about the kanyon and watching us all the time. Among the good brethering that they have killed is Brother John Dixon and John Quail who was killed last week in Parleys Canyon whilst holling lumber from the mill, and young Hagland was wounded in the arm. Him and Samuel Knights Sucseeded in making there escape into the city whilst the Indians were taking the horses and mules, but John Hagland had the courage to cut his horses loose and him and Knights rode into the city. The dead boddyes were brought in the next day and burried. All settlements are now ordered into forts. The fort near your farm is laid out where your old log house stood. The president is now going into mesures to wall in the city, which plan is going to use up property for certain, and, O, how I wish you was hear to arainge your part to suit yourself, for the talk is now that all unacapied lots will have to be sold to help accomplish this wall. I have attended one ward meeting on the subject but it was only to get the feelings of the people to know whether they ware for having the city walled in or have the ward fortified in. All were in favor of having a wall around the city. If you was hear now I would not begrudge a considerable sum, for I know not what to do. I wish I was on our other . Indians are liable to come down in the knight and doo damage. How do you suppose I feele with Seven children and not a man person about the house and we are counceled to keep our doors and windows well fasend knights and our guns well loaded by our bedsides expecting an attact before morning. Those that does not experance the like cannot tell my feelings, that is shore. The president sais the trouble is only just commencing and we may prepair ourselves for the worst. If you can posibly come home safe this fall and situate us in a safer condition that we now are I would be thankfull, but do not run aney risks for we had better dye then you. My children is all my trouble at present. I cannot tell you half my sorrowfull feeling but can only first tuch upon them. Property and riches in this life is nothing to me for I find it is vain for the Saints to try to get Rich, and to live poor and have plenty allso seems hard, but the Lord is only giving us a scourging to make us mindfull of him. If you cannot return to manage your affairs yourself I think you had best write to the president informing him how you wish your city affairs managed. If you do this he will see to it for you. There is some now anxiously waiting, hoping your lots will have to be sold. As times and fears is now I would rather live in the old log house than where I am. Report has just come in that

Edward Dusett is killed at the point of the mountain. I hope it is not corret. I shall learn the truth of it before I finish my letter. Old Bridger is at the head of all the war and sais he will now make a clean work of the mormons. There is a company of men gone out to take him. What the result will be I know not. I fear it will be serious. Some imigrants has come in and maid oath to what they have heard Bridger say he is furnishing the Indians with guns and amunition. He told these men that he was just waiting for california Emigration to pop by and then slaughter was to commence on the mormons. The men that went out had orders to take Bridger dead or alive and tare down the fourt. They resisted. The president sais this church never was in such danger as it is at the present time but sais if all will obey his council he will take them safe threw. But this all will not do for some are for rebelling. All the settle-ments south of this have tore down there houses and gone into fourts. The Ind-ians have broke uncle James Allred up by driving off his stalk, I sleep with charles little gun loaded by my bedside. I know not whether I should have courage to resist or not if the war hoop should be raised at my door, but I now think I should be good for one Indian, for running would be useless with so many child- ren, for I never should run and leave them behind, but if they must die I will die with them. Perhaps you will think I am scared. If I am scared our Leaders are also for they keep a strong guard. You can do as you like about coming but be ashured you are needed hear more than you ever was. No one can arraing your affairs as well to suit you as you can yourself, but I have nothering to say in the matter for your Father is your agent and of course he will see to it, but he is discouraged and knows not what to do for this is something he did not expect when you left, but I had forboding of trouble with the Indians. President Young has offered all his property east of his office for Sale and offers to turn it all into walling the city and sais others must dispose of their property likewise for he goes in for walling the city, for he sais we are going to have worse than the Indians to incounter and the time has now come to fortify ourselves. He sais there is men among us that keeps our enemies informed of all this is going on. I am sorry that you will be disapointed with the visit you anticipated ing this fall and allso Joseph is much disappointed for he had tted on coming to safely there I can the means to pay for a letter from you, to run my creddit and borrow the paper to write on but I do not wish to trouble you with my poverty for you know I have a large family and but little means of helping them and it takes a grat deal more to supply them now than it did 3 or 4 years ago, but I can get along with all this if the Indians will let us alone. I do not want them to get our children and you may be well ashured that I keep them in close quarters such times, but it is allmost like holding them by the hair of the head to keep them about home for they want to go to the farm and go fishing and would go if I would let them into many doingers not realizing the danger to which they might be exposed. Little Davis is the only one but what wants to go all the time and I expect he will soon cry to go. He is a fine boy and a good one. He now begins to sit alone. He has got over hooping cough notwithstanding he has had it so bad. He still grows. He weighed twenty pounds when he was 4 months old. Oh, I wish you could see him. He is the most promising child I have and looks as tho he new everything. I think he is well named. He is now playing with the children and pulls there hair. For certain he is a grate fellow to play and his little sister Elizabeth is allwais

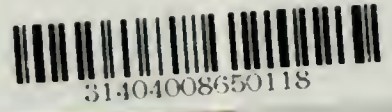
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